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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

SUCH ET AL.

Examiner

David A Vanore

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 November 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Osborne et al.

Osborne et al. teaches a device for absorbing and detecting X-rays comprising the following:

- 1) A plurality of layers (Fig. 1 Items 16, 28, and 20) having at least two wire elements in one of the layers where the wire elements are spaced apart and separate from one another (Fig. 2) and further comprises an x-ray detector (Fig. 1 Item A) as recited in claims 1 and 10.
- 2) At least two wire elements in each of the layers are parallel to one another (Fig. 2) as recited in claims 2 and 11.
- 3) At least two wire elements of one layer and a wire element of another layer arranged at right angles to one another (Fig. 2) as recited in claims 3 and 12.
- 4) At least two wire elements having a round cross section (Fig. 2) as recited in claims 4 and 13.
- 5) Where the spacing between an adjacent pair of wire elements in one of the layers is different than the spacing between a different pair of wire elements in one of the layers (Fig. 2 Item 20 Note the spacing between the first wire from the left and the second wire

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from the left in relation to the spacing between the second wire from the left and the third wire from the left on the top layer illustrated) as recited in claims 5 and 14.

6) At least two wire elements are oriented in one direction (Fig. 1 and 2 Item 20) as recited in claims 6 and 15.

7) The layers being focused (Col. 5 Lines 29-47) as recited in claims 7 and 16.

8) The at least two wires being composed of an x-ray absorbing material (Col. 3 Lines 39-68) as recited in claims 8 and 17.

9) Regarding claims 9 and 18, the wires are secured and housed by an x ray transparent substance as Osborne et al. teaches that x rays may also be projected laterally, through the housing and parallel to the plane of the plurality of layers. This could not be accomplished if the securing means were x-ray absorbent. Note column 4 of Osborne et al.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David A Vanore whose telephone number is (571) 272-2483. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John R. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2477. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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